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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

For consumers in America, choice is a right. When two providers set the rules of engagement, there is no longer "choice". This is why we want more competition for broadband delivery, not less!

Broadband is critical to our home, businesses or schools; and less competition means price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and telephone services.

I now have fiber optic broadband delivery with which i am quite happy. Previously I was connected with DSL, which offered intermittent and slow service. I also have competitive telephone service now and save much money each month.

Please do not let USTelecom take away access to critical unbundled network elements and take necessary action to promote competition, not squash it.

Sincerely,

Christophe Laverne